



# Regulatory Framework for Spent Lead-Acid Batteries (SLABs) and SLAB Recycling in Canada

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- Required documentation for transboundary movements of HW and HRM, including SLABs; and
- Movement Document









# Background

- Hazardous Wastes (includes hazardous recyclables)
- What are they?
  - Waste products, substances or organisms that are potentially hazardous to human health or the environment, destined for <u>disposal</u> or <u>recycling</u> operations
- Who produces them? For example:
  - chemical industry
  - manufacturing industry
  - metal refining industry
- Why Special Regime Required?
  - to eliminate or reduce the hazard through special disposal/treatment technologies, thereby preventing impacts on the environment and human health
  - to maximize the recovery of resources for productive use in Canada and abroad, and properly dispose of residues through special disposal/recycling techniques





# **International Obligations**

- The United Nations Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, 1989
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Decisions
- Canada-USA Agreement





# **Basel Convention**

- Canada signed in 1989 and ratified in 1992
- Covers both wastes and recyclables
- Controls on transboundary movement of hazardous waste (prior informed consent, tracking of shipments, reduction of exports, liability)
- Revised Lists to clarify wastes to be controlled
  - Annex VIII, A1160 entry for SLABs





## **OECD Decisions**

- Canada, USA and Mexico are members of OECD
- OECD Decision C(94)152/Final
  - Transfrontier movements of hazardous wastes
    - Core list of wastes
    - International Waste Identification Code (IWIC)
- OECD Decision C(2001)107/Final
  - revised and harmonized with Basel
  - allows modified/simplified controls for recyclables within the OECD area





# Canada-USA Agreement

- Meets Article 11 of the Basel Convention
- Came into effect in 1986 and amended in 1992 to include non-hazardous wastes destined for final disposal
- Definition for waste as defined under Canadian law
  - Example: SLABs are hazardous for both transboundary movements of HW and HRM





# **Federal and Provincial Authorities**

#### **Federal**

- Jurisdiction over movements crossing a border
  - International border
  - Movements between provinces/territories within Canada

#### **Provincial**

- Jurisdiction over movement solely within their territory
  - Administering provincial Environmental Regulations
  - Licensing of authorized facilities, carriers





# Export and Import of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulations (EIHWHRMR)

- Revised on November 1, 2005
- Meet Canada's International Obligations
- Decoupled hazardous waste definition into hazardous waste (HW) and hazardous recyclable material (HRM)
- SLABs continue to be controlled
- Purpose
  - Sets out conditions for shipments of HW and HRM across Canadian borders

#### Goals

- Prior Informed Consent
- Confirmation of Disposal or Recycling
- Liability Insurance
- Export Reduction Plans
- Environmentally Sound Management





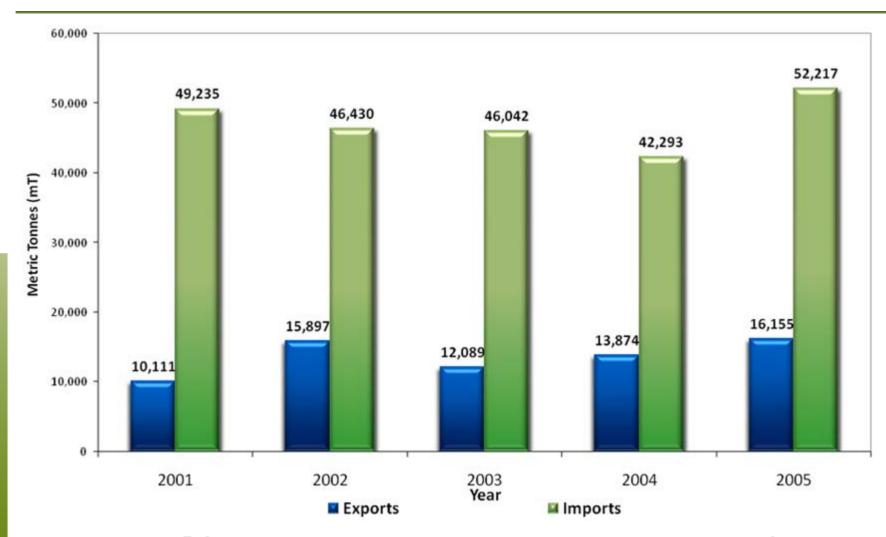
# **SLAB** Regulatory framework

- Must be destined for disposal (Schedule 1 of the EIHWHRMR) or recycling (Schedule 2 of the EIHWHRMR)
- Must meet the HW or HRM definitions under Section 1 or 2 of the EIHWHRMR
- Captured under the Transport of Dangerous Goods Regulations
- Hazard Class 8, United Nations Product Identification Number (UN PIN) UN2794 –Batteries, wet, filled with acid, electric storage





### **Canadian Imports and Exports of SLABs (2001-2005)**











#### Imports and Exports of SLABs from and into Canada (2001-2005)









# **Statistical Information**

- All exports of SLABs to the United States were destined for recycling, namely metal recovery or interim storage prior to metal recovery
- Less than 0.2% of imports of SLABs were destined for disposal with over 99% destined for metal recovery
- More than 91% of SLABs originate from transport, automobile dealers and repair facilities





## International Notification Process

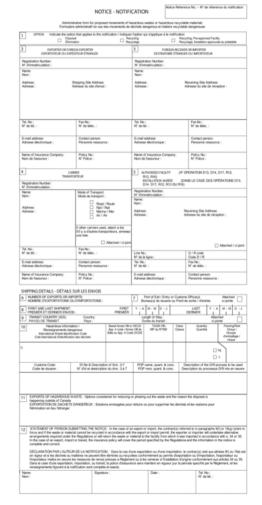
- Notice Reference Number
- Contact information
- Shipment details
- Waste or material information
- Insurance details

#### In addition:

Copies of signed written contracts

#### Finally:

 Notice + Contracts = Application for permit









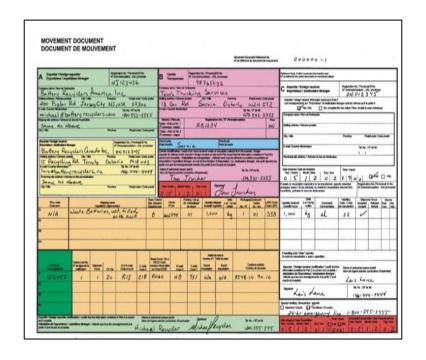


# Required documentation for transboundary movements of HW and HRM, including SLABs

### Copy of Permit

#### **Movement Document**













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